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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In September 2013 the Massage Program conditionally granted a massage practitioner credential to **Cristina Tiscareno-Villa** (MA60354201) and placed her on probation for at least two years. In 2010 and again in 2013 she was convicted of theft, a gross misdemeanor.

Clark County

In September 2013 the Psychology Board amended a statement of charges against psychologist **Cynthia Ann Savoie** (PY00001972) that added details about her alleged treatment of a client.

Grant County

In August 2013 the Certified Counselor Program denied a credential to **Aaron S. Glenn** (CL60297250). On his application, Glenn said he hadn't been convicted of a crime. In 2001 and 2002 he was convicted of two gross misdemeanors and one misdemeanor. While working as an agency affiliated counselor, Glenn's care of a suicidal patient was substandard.

Jefferson County

In September 2013 the Chiropractic Commission reinstated the chiropractor credential of **Keith David Meyer** (CH60131354) and placed him on probation for at least two years. Meyer's credential was suspended in February 2013 in connection with his treatment of a patient who later had a stroke. Meyer's inadequate evaluation and instruction delayed treatment.

King County

In September 2013 the Dental Commission reinstated the dentist credential of **Mark J. Studenny** (DE00009982) and placed him on probation for at least three years. He cannot own a dental practice in Washington or treat patients under the age of 18. The commission fined Studenny \$5,000. Studenny has met requirements imposed when his credential was suspended in 2006 after he was convicted of possessing child pornography.

In September 2013 the Nursing Commission ended probation for registered nurse **Richard A. Heath** (RN60108730).

In September 2013 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Mary J. Taggart** (RN00111992) with unprofessional conduct. Taggart allegedly provided substandard care to eight patients at the jail where she worked, by either not administering or not documenting the administration of medication.

In September 2013 the Medical Commission charged physician **Chester E. Jangala, Jr.** (MD00023662) with unprofessional conduct. Jangala allegedly asked a patient, a disabled veteran with Crohn's disease, to lend him \$100,000. The patient made the loan. Jangala allegedly told the commission the money was a gift he had no legal obligation to repay, but that he was trying to do so anyway. He allegedly has repaid a portion.

In September 2013 the Massage Program charged massage practitioner **Vina Sayavanh** (MA60222772) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly allowed unlicensed people to perform massage at a facility she owned and at another facility her mother owned. Sayavanh didn't respond to a Department of Health inquiry.

In September 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program ended probation for registered nursing assistant **Katherine Michele Dobbs** (NA60289037).

In September 2013 the Medical Assistant Program conditionally granted a medical assistant credential to **Nika Marie Onka** (CM60382594) and ordered her to comply with 2012 conditions on her health care assistant credential, including complying with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

In September 2013 the Agency Affiliated Counselor Program conditionally granted an agency affiliated counselor credential to **Dan Raymond Clark** (CG60407075) and ordered him to undergo screening for a substance abuse monitoring program. Clark was convicted of five gross misdemeanors and one misdemeanor between 2007 and 2012.

In September 2013 the Pharmacy Commission charged pharmacist and pharmacist preceptor **Danny Dang** (PH00040213, PH60010056) with unprofessional conduct. Dang allegedly admitted to letting a pharmacy assistant do tasks limited to pharmacy technicians.

In September 2013 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Jeffrey Y. Lee** (DE00009253) with unprofessional conduct. Lee allegedly billed the Department of Social and Health Services for fillings on five patients, but also charged the patients' parents or guardians fees without appropriate justification.

In September 2013 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Ora Pearl Smith-Gutter** (RN00079416) with unprofessional conduct. Smith-Gutter, who owned an adult family home, allegedly took narcotic pain medication after a recent surgery and went to bed. After a caregiver at the home awakened her, Smith-Gutter allegedly misread a diabetic patient's blood sugar level as being low when it was actually very high. The patient had to be hospitalized. Smith-Gutter allegedly told emergency responders she was "confused and out of it" because she had just taken her pain pills.

Kitsap County

In September 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program ended probation for certified nursing assistant **Kathy L. Null** (NC10089837).

In September 2013 the Chiropractic Commission entered an agreement with chiropractor **Blake J. Wagner** (CH00003095).that says Wagner must pay a \$1,000 fine and complete continuing education in ethics and boundaries. Wagner asked a patient for a loan, called her, and went to her house.

Lewis County

In September 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the certified nursing assistant credential of **Melissa R. Hileman** (NC10062686), who complied with terms of a 2006 order.

Mason County

In September 2013 the Nursing Assistant and the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems programs charged certified nursing assistant and emergency medical technician **Crystal A. Stanley** (NC10084571, ES01176331) with unprofessional conduct. While she was treasurer of a firefighters association, Stanley allegedly took at least \$2,500 for her personal use. After being charged with second-degree theft, Stanley entered a pre-trial diversion agreement that required her to pay the group \$3,015.67.

Pierce County

In July 2013 the Dental Commission entered an agreement with dental assistant **Nakoa Therese Guffey** (D160054568) that says she must complete a drug court program and participate in the Washington Health Professional Services substance abuse monitoring program. Using patients' identities, Guffey forged their names six times to get controlled substances.

In September 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registered nursing assistant credential of **Crystal Lee Schwab** (NA00146460). Her credential was suspended in 2009 after she didn't respond to charges that she falsified prescriptions to get controlled substances.

Spokane County

In September 2013 the Facilities Program notified **Heart N Hands Home Care** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Despite having no license to operate as an in-home services agency, the facility uses "home care" in its name, has allegedly used such words in advertising, and provided such services and advertising for home care workers. In May 2013 the facility submitted an incomplete application for an in-home services agency license. It has yet to complete the application.

Walla Walla County

In September 2013 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **Shirley Jean Moffitt** (RN00095046, AP30006532) with unprofessional conduct. Moffitt allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

Whatcom County

In September 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Deanna Crystal Point** (CO60361154) and placed her on probation. Point was convicted of two felonies, more than 20 gross misdemeanors, and one misdemeanor between 1993 and 2010.

Out of State

Oregon: In September 2013 the Pharmacy Commission ended probation for pharmacist **Jason Robert Whitley** (PH60266429).

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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